

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ

REFLECTION for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

Let us go back 100 years to ponder that sad moment at Beaumont-Hamel. Those brave souls willingly went 'over the top' to their death. Hindsight tells us that they did not die in vain. Their mission was peace. Joyfully, despite the horrors of this single event, the battle was won and peace was achieved. Surely amid all the tears and anguish of loved ones in our coves and harbors there was that acknowledgement that they died for the greater good, their beliefs; they died living their faith. There now remains our duty to never forget them and their sacrifice and to maintain that peace for which they died.

Where did the courage and conviction displayed by these brave Newfoundlanders come from? I propose it came from their deep faith in their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Two thousand years before, Jesus set the example which they merely followed. History was repeating itself.

It was part of their duty arising from the fact that they called themselves Christians. Like the human Jesus, the mission of these soldiers and the cost of their discipleship was their lives.

Extreme examples of Christian sacrifices dot salvation history. We must use them to fulfill/reconcile our role, our duty, and our sacrifices, as we go onward as Christian soldiers.

Christians, and by extension Christian churches, have a two-fold purpose- mission and maintenance. Neither the church or the individual are at the centre of the mission. No, the love of Jesus and the Cross of Christ remains central. The love that God has for us is such that He became one of us and died for us on the cross. This love comes down to us from the cross and hence the cross is the symbol of love. Our call is to take up our cross and our hope is salvation.

God bless these our men, their cross awaited 'over the top' and demanded the ultimate sacrifice. That their mission not be in vain, we proudly maintain their memory and carry on the fight- for peace, justice, harmony, and love; these are the values men and women will die for if that is the cost required. At such a cost, the loving God lovingly awaits them at heaven's gates.

Though not as extreme, a similar tale unfolds for the disciples sent 'over the top' by Jesus in today's Gospel. They are sent into 'no man's land' on the mission to prepare a place for the Lord of the harvest, so that people are willing to accept Him. The mission is to go *ahead* of Him and proclaim the Good News that the 'kingdom of God is near'. Jesus forewarns them to not expect an open-armed reception. But he tells them to press on in humility and love. They may suffer but the reward will be worth the battle. May we forever maintain/emulate the memory of our fathers in faith. ***Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.***

Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard
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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am

Masses in Week Days:
Wed, Thurs 7:00 pm
Fri, 2:00 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month,
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

Marriages:
Six months' notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

July 3, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

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| June 25, 26 | |
| Collection | \$1,667.55 |
| Building Fund | 35.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 30.00 |
| Votive Candles | 34.45 |
| Cemetery Fund | 35.00 |
| Garden Party Collection | 10.00 |
| Tickets on Quilt/June 5 | \$2,990.00 |
| Ecclesiastical Students | 60.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| July 4 | No Mass |
| July 5 | No Mass |
| July 6 | Souls in Purgatory/Roche Family |
| July 7 | Brian Griffin |
| July 8 | Intentions of Rita Hall/John Mendes |
| July 8+ | Kevin Whylott |
| July 9 | David Jones/ Maurice Boland |
| July 10 | Parish Community |

Note: Fri, July 8, Mass is at Lohnes at 2 pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (updated)

Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend these events. Nothing says I care like being there.

The 2016 Mount Cecilia Cemetery Mass is scheduled for Monday July 25 at 7 pm.

-The **2016 Mount Patricia Cemetery Mass** is scheduled for Wednesday July 27 at 7 pm.

PRIEST IS AWAY

From Monday June 27 until Thursday July 7, your priest will be visiting family in New Brunswick. During that time Fr. Terry Boland will celebrate Masses on both Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and 4:30 pm Saturday and 11 am Sunday Masses on the Canada Day weekend.

NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL

This Group is announcing that its Annual Summer Conference will be held on the weekend of July 22-24 at the Mint Brook Campsite near Gambo. Come and experience the merciful love of God. For further details, please contact Amelia Dicks 388-1048. This is a great opportunity to seek/find the Spirit of God.

FAMILY CATECHESIS- IT IS NEW

In September, sacramental preparation will be the responsibility of parents. The parish will provide support and lead monthly meetings. But instruction of the children will be done in the home. This is NEW. It will be challenging for parents; we want to be of assistance.

Please parents discuss this, please grandparents discuss this with your children. We should be ordering texts now but honestly we have no idea as to the numbers we will need. Spread the word about this everyone.

Here they are again: In consultation with the Priests, Directors of Parish Life and Parish Catechists of the Diocese, the following guidelines have been promulgated to take effect as of September 2016:

First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation:

- Minimum age for reception of these sacraments: 7 years of age;
- Minimum immediate faith formation preparation: 2 years of catechesis.
- Curriculum Alive in Christ - a family based program for children age 6 to 11

Confirmation Preparation:

- Minimum age for reception of the sacrament: 13 years of age;
- Minimum immediate faith formation preparation: 2 years of catechesis;
- Curriculum: Faith Fusion - Year 1 and Called to Celebrate Confirmation – Year 2.

More information regarding these guidelines may be found at: rcchurch.com.

FOOD BANK NEED

The Food Bank needs its cupboards filled for the summer months. The Christmas in June Drive on Monday evening will help. But please consider bringing a few food items to Mass with you over the next few weeks. There is a box at the back in which to place them. Thank you.

T'IS SUMMER

It's that time of year when people are on holidays. This is a reminder to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are going to be away, please try to arrange for another to cover for you. It will make our job easier. Thanks.

SUMMER STUDENT

Matthew has lots of work. He could use your help in two of his tasks. We hope to complete an accurate record of the layout of all the gravesites in the cemetery. If your loved ones are buried there (especially if they have died since 1987), he would appreciate your contacting him to be sure that it is recorded in our files.

Also he is doing work to digitalize our archive material collected last year. If you have anything to add to make it more complete, he would love to hear from you. How about pictures of events

associated with the Sacred Heart Social Club, the Msgr. Stoyles K of C, the re-opening of the church after the two fires, or any other past parish event.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

It has been a while; so another reminder. If a family member is 90 or so, or older, or if a couple is celebrating 50 years, or more, of marriage, papal blessings are available. Two months' notice is required. Contact the parish office.

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As you settle into the easy rhythm of summer vacation, be sure to keep your eyes open for the presence of God in your life. If you look carefully, you can recognize Him in the beautiful nature around you, in the family members with whom you spend time, in the friends who share in your activities, in the new people that you meet and in the special pleasures of summer. And don't forget to thank God every day for all of the blessings in your life. Take care and we'll talk again in the fall.

Please note that the Diocesan Resource Centre will be closed for the months of July and August. We look forward to serving you again in the fall

Summer Office Hours

During July and August the office will be open in the mornings from 9 am to noon on Tuesday to Friday and closed in the afternoons.

MERCY PRAYER

LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF THE LIVING GOD,
HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.